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BILL TAYLOR

Tells How He Killed Farmer Doty
Near Richmond, Ky.

The Murderers, Colored, Trained by
Bloodhounds to Their Cabin

And Other Points Where They Had Been—
A Mob on Hand to Lynch Him—Up to
a Late Hour Monday No Attack
Had Been Made.

RICHMOND, Ky., Dec. 10.—The assassination of David Doty at his home near here has caused intense excitement. All during Sunday squads of men have been on the street corners discussing the deed, and at least one Negro is almost certain to be lynched before morning. New developments have intensified the excitement.

Saturday night J. H. Neighbors, marshal of Elizabethtown, Ky., arrived in Richmond with two English bloodhounds and was met at the depot by a large crowd. Anxious to see the chase begin, the scene of the tragedy is six miles from town, and it was after midnight when the hounds were put on the trail. The dogs trailed to the cabin of Abe Tom and Bill Taylor, all colored, a half mile distant, then returned to the barn where Doty was killed; thence to a point near where Bill Taylor, his two brothers and Cavanaugh, another Negro, are said to have met after the killing was done.

This was the only trailing that could be done, and it was not considered effectual until Sunday, when Bill Taylor, the youngest brother, broke down and confessed that he alone is responsible for the deed. He stated that he was in Doty's barn at 8 o'clock stealing one of his mules for an all night's ride. Doty, having been informed that some party or parties would be there that night to slip away his horses, went to the stable and saw Bill Taylor leading one of his mules out. He remarked:

"Guess I will take charge of this mule," whereupon Taylor shot him in the stomach with a revolver. Doty fell, but arose. Taylor shot again and the wounded man again fell. To make sure, the Negro caught him by the coat collar, lifted him up and shot him through the head twice.

This is Taylor's confession. He says he is guilty, but begs not to be swung up. His plea will likely fall upon deaf ears, as it is pretty well arranged to have a hanging before day. The people are quiet, but furious and determined. The other Negroes, three in number, and one Jesse Hutton, also colored, an alleged accessory to another murder, are still in jail, and they, too, may suffer that fate.

It is thought the bringing of bloodhounds to Richmond had considerable to do with Taylor's confession. There were evidences of mobbers Saturday night, but better judgment prevailed

and it was decided to wait till more conclusive proofs could be gained before resorting to violence. The confession Sunday, it is generally conceded, supplies that proof.

The jail had not been attacked up to 3 o'clock Monday morning. On the street it is now thought probable no effort will be made to get the Negro tonight. Taylor will be indicted Monday, and sentence of death will be passed on him before Tuesday night, and the day of his execution will be set for the next future.

Killed at a Crossing.
CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Miss Ada Schultz was instantly killed, and her brother, Edward Schultz, seriously injured by a freight train at Riverside station, Saturday night. Another brother, Emil, narrowly escaped a similar fate. They were on their way to a dance, and had waited at the crossing to allow an east-bound passenger train to pass, after which they stepped on the other track only to be struck by a west-bound train which had been hidden by the passenger. They were children of Millionaire Quarryman Schultz.

Geisenbainer Favors Battleships.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representative Geisenbainer, who has just been appointed chairman of the House committee on naval affairs to succeed Mr. Cummings, who resigned from congress, is an advocate of the battleship as an adjunct to our naval strength. The battleship vs. the cruiser has recently excited warm controversy among naval authorities. This has been emphasized by Secretary Herbert's recent recommendation that several new battleships be authorized by congress.

Will Give Way to the Senate.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Representatives Hitt and Storer, republican members of the house committee on foreign affairs, have talked over the desirability of a house resolution of inquiry on the attitude of the government on the China-Japan war. Mr. Storer had intended introducing such a resolution, and he may yet do so. It is felt, however, that the house of representatives has been limited authority over foreign affairs that the inquiry could be more properly conducted in the senate.

Accidental Shot His Child.
FREDERICK, Md., Dec. 10.—John Melton shot and fatally wounded his 4-year-old son at Bethesda's mill. The shooting was accidental. Melton was cleaning a pistol, which he "didn't know was loaded." The child was standing near watching the operation. The charge struck the child in the shoulder, the ball running downward and lodging in a vital organ.

American Offer of Mediation.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10.—The correspondent of the Times at Shanghai telegraphs that Japan never treated the American offer of mediation seriously. China's direct appeal, the correspondent adds, was futile. Japan intends to attack Kin Chao, a town of Manchuria, eight miles from the north shore of the Gulf of Liangtung.

SENSATIONAL

Charges Made by Gen. Viele Against
One of Lincoln's Cabinet.

Secret Orders Revealed by a Courtesan on
Intimate Terms with High Officials.

A Paper on the Port Royal Expedition
Creates Quite a Stir—Big Labor Convention
in Session at Denver—The Government
Denounced—Chillicothe's
Good Luck—Mad Dogs
Create a Panic in the Town
of Mt. Vernon.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—General Egbert L. Viele read a paper on the expedition sent to capture Port Royal in October, 1861, before Lafayette Post, G. A. R., in which some sensational charges were made. General Viele said that though the destination of the expedition was supposed to be secret, the commander sailing with sealed orders, he had learned through a friend that a courtesan, on intimate terms with an aged member of Lincoln's cabinet had made the statement that the expedition was going to Bulls Bay and Fernandina.

When the secret orders were opened it was found that this was the case. General Viele then informed the commander of the expedition of what he had heard and as a result the objective point of the expedition was changed to Port Royal, South Carolina. The notice of this change, however, became known in some mysterious manner.

Members of the Post now insist that Viele shall name the member of the cabinet to prevent injustice to other cabinet officers. Viele says that the paper was read at a secret meeting, and will not give the desired name. This expedition was under the command of Commodore Dupont and Acting Major General Thomas Sherman. General Viele commanded a division of the army. An expedition from Port Royal, after its capture captured Fernandina in 1862.

DENOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT

As Acting Tyrannically During the Pullman
Strike—The Big Labor Convention.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
DENVER, Col., Dec. 10.—The Federation of Labor convention met here today with about a hundred delegates and spectators present. President Gompers was in the chair. John Burns, the English labor leader was greeted warmly on entering the hall. Thos. M. Patterson, of Denver, delivered an address on labor's struggle in which he denounced as tyrannical, the action of the government in the Pullman strike last summer.

Their Good Luck.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
CHILICOTHE, Dec. 10.—Mrs. John Gehring and Mrs. Harriet Pink, of this city, have fallen heir, with ten others, to an estate of ten million dollars in Germany.

A Mad Dog Scare.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
MT. VERNON, O., Dec. 10.—A panic was created here today by two mad dogs running through the streets. Eleven people were bitten before the dogs were shot.

An Assassin Wounds a Farmer.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
VERMILION, Ind., Dec. 10.—Frank Tennison, a farmer near here, started to his barn about daylight, and, in passing his henhouse, a man who was concealed near, stepped out and opened fire on him with a pistol, inflicting two dangerous wounds, one in the groin and one in the side. The wounded man is in a critical condition. There is no clue to the would-be assassin.

Cole Younger's Release.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 10.—Information has been received here that Cole Younger, the notorious Missouri outlaw, who for over 10 years has been an inmate of the Minnesota penitentiary at Stillwater, where he is serving a life sentence for complicity in the Northfield bank robbery, will be released January 1. He has been very sick since his incarceration.

No Pensions for Well-to-Do Widows.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The pension bureau will hereafter refuse pensions to widows, whose income from other sources, added to the proceeds of reasonable effort on their part, affords them comfortable support. This policy is provided for in a ruling of Assistant Secretary Reynolds, based on the June 27, 1890, act.

For Shooting His Mother-in-Law.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
UPPER SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 10.—Isadore Taylor, who was found guilty of shooting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rock, with intent to kill, was sentenced to two and a half years in the penitentiary. On hearing the sentence he broke down and had to be assisted from the court room.

Repented After He Had Taken Poison.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
CANTON, O., Dec. 10.—John C. Resler, a plumber, 25 years of age, wandered into a physicians office, saying he had taken rat poison, but was sorry and wanted relief. He suffered fourteen hours and finally died. No reason is known for the suicide.

Tramps Killed in a Freight Wreck.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
LEBANON, Ind., Dec. 10.—A freight train, consisting of 27 cars, ran into an open switch, five miles east of this city, at an early hour Saturday morning, and was partially derailed. Three tramps, who were stealing a ride between two box cars, were instantly killed. Their identity is unknown.

Burglar Shot in His Shop.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Nicholas Seduca, a Bohemian, was shot and killed at 1:40 o'clock Saturday morning in his meat shop at 60 Western street. Frank Haller, his clerk and assistant, who claims the murder was committed by a burglar, is held by the police, pending the result of the coroner's inquest.

THE WEATHER TODAY.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
OHIO: Rain; fair and cooler Tuesday.

THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY

Has Bought Control of the Sugar Stock,
Hence the Dividend Last Week.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—It is said here that the Standard Oil people have practically bought control of the sugar stock, and this fact influenced the declaration of a three per cent. dividend last week and prevented the publication of the statement originally prepared by the directors.

THE WORK OF THE STORM.

Rain Plays Havoc at San Francisco and the
Snow at Carson, Nevada.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 10.—A heavy storm here has caused much damage to the streets and sewers all over the city. A number of stores were flooded and goods ruined. Five inches of rain has fallen in Oakland in as many days.

California's Governorship.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The Republicans have decided to contest the election of J. H. Budd for governor. The supreme court will be asked to grant a writ of mandamus compelling the election commissioners to ignore the contested returns.

Snow Storm.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
CARSON, Nev., Dec. 10.—Snow, sleet and wind caused the worst storm here in years. The snow has badly drifted on railroads.

Starting Up.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Dec. 10.—Fires were started today in the Watts steel plant with 500 men at work.

OTHER LANDS.

The News of the Day Outside of
the United States.

German Minister of Commerce Tenders
His Resignation—Mary Anderson a
Mother—Industrial Disturbances in
Newfoundland—The Mexicans
Want War—A Million Dol-
lar Transaction.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Von Berlepsch, the minister of commerce, has tendered his resignation because the ministry rejected some bills drafted by him.

American Horseman Released.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Robert F. Kneeb, the American horseman, who was charged with fraud on the German turf, has been admitted to bail and sent for the United States this week.

Mary Anderson a Mother.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Mary Anderson Navarra, the famous American actress, gave birth to a son Friday last. The child died the same day.

They Want War.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.—A special dispatch to the Star from Oaxaca, says that more skirmishes have taken place with Guatemala troops. There is great excitement among the Mexicans, who want war declared speedily.

Some Big Failures.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 10.—The Commercial bank of Newfoundland suspended payment today owing to the failure of a large fish exporting house. This involves other large concerns and four more will close tomorrow.

BOUGHT A MOUNTAIN.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
C. B. Huntington Pays \$1,000,000 for the
Largest Known Body of Iron
in the World.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
MONTELOVA, Mexico, Dec. 10.—C. P. Huntington has bought for one million dollars the great iron mountain at Durango. It is the largest known body of iron in the world.

Commercial Treaty With Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 10.—From reliable information gathered this government will be agreeable to negotiate a new commercial treaty with the United States, mentioned in President Cleveland's message, but no direct negotiations have been opened as yet.

Bloody Yagui.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
MEXICO, Dec. 10.—A ranchman named Francisco Morales has reported to the authorities that a band of Yaqui Indians visited his ranch and killed three sheep herders and drove off a large number of cattle. A detachment of troops will be sent in pursuit.

Tramps Fatally Shot a Marshal.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
VASSAR, Mich., Dec. 10.—As a result of an attempt to evade a gang of seven tramps from the Michigan Central yards here, Marshal Arthur McIntire was shot and perhaps fatally wounded, and his deputy, M. Chrysler, was badly cut and otherwise injured.

The Armenian Atrocities.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Daily News correspondent in Constantinople says that the British and several other embassies are negotiating for an independent inquiry into the Armenian atrocities, greatly to the port's discomfort.

Krupp's Gift.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Herr Krupp, head of the great gun-making firm, has given 5,000 marks for the construction of a Protestant church at Essen, where the Krupp works are situated. Essen is the center of a large Catholic population.

CLEARING UP.

The Fiendish Plot of the Murder
of Miss Ging.

Blixt, the Confessed Murderer, Claims He
Was Hypnotized by Hayward.

And It Is Thought Will Confess Concern-
ing His First Wife's Mysterious Death—
Murdered by Hirelings for Insur-
ance Money—One of the Most
Sensational Crimes of the
Present Decade.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 10.—Theo. Blixt the confessed murderer of Miss Catherine Ging is wholly broken down and it is thought that he has another confession to make concerning the mysterious death of his first wife. He says that Hayward hypnotized him.

FIVE PERSONS CONCERNED.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—The mystery surrounding the Catherine Ging murder has begun to unfold. Adry Hayward has confessed, and his story links together his brother and two miserable hirelings in a chain of unexampled and unspeakable villainy.

On Tuesday, December 4, I got a letter from "Elder" Stewart advising me that three days before the murder was committed Adry Hayward had come to him and told him that he feared his brother was going to commit a crime; told him about the insurance policy on Miss Ging's life and the pretended loan, and the arrangements to make it public, and that an arrangement had been made to kill Miss Ging to get the life insurance. The whole thing was so monstrously incredible that the "Elder" took no stock in it, and suggested that if Harry was a rascal and a rogue, he was not a fool, and dismissed Adry with the belief that it was all big talk.

"Since that time our play has been for Adry, and we have succeeded in procuring corroborative evidence of most of these facts. But Adry, in an attempt to break him down Friday, showed as much nerve and was as smooth and evasive as Harry was when he made his first bluff. From information coming largely through Sheriff Edge, corroborating facts already learned, a warrant was sworn out by me at once Friday for the arrest of Charles Blixt, the engineer at the Ozark flats. Friday night while Mayor Rust and members of the force were pumping Blixt and his wife and Erickson, Adry was confronted by the evidence and broke down and told what he knew.

"His story reveals a record of deliberate planning, in which the brother, Adry, was not a party, but in which Harry sought to draw him into the plot. And he fought to disavow the brother from his criminal deed. It was when he feared things had reached a point that was likely to result in the crime being perpetrated that he went to the 'elder' and asked what he could do to stop it. Expostulation and pleading, even threats of exposure, were unavailing.

"Adry feared for his own life. The brother has long exerted a great influence over Adry, almost hypnotic. He exerted the same influence over the murdered girl. The facts learned from Adry are amply corroborated by outside facts gathered together in the last two days. Blixt and the man who assisted him in the matter of clothes and in getting away with the clothes, named Erickson, were arrested and placed in custody at an early hour Saturday morning. The grand jury will have the next chapter."

"The long and short of this horrible story is that the poor girl was murdered for the insurance Harry Hayward had on her life. She was decoyed on the lonely road by Blixt, shot by Blixt and Erickson, the bloody clothes, which he took to Iowa. The revolver was found in the Ozark flats Saturday morning. It was 38 caliber, and two chambers were empty.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—Hon. John C. Black, formerly commissioner of pensions during President Cleveland's first term, has been nominated district attorney for Chicago, vice Sherman Dixon.

Explains the Currency Plan.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10. Secretary Carlisle explained his currency plan to the committee on banking and currency today.

Today's Markets.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 10.—Wheat, 54 1/2; Corn, 45 3/4; Oats, 29 1/2.
TOLLEDO, O.—Wheat, 55.

The Ninth Victim of a Mine Disaster.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 10.—James Jannl, another of the coal miners injured in the Blanche mine disaster at Collier's Station, three weeks, and who has been in the city hospital, is dead, making the ninth victim of the tragedy.

Father Ducey Heads Off Corrigan.
NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Father Ducey has given out a statement reviewing his part in the James G. Blaine, jr., wedding, which, he claims, Archbishop Corrigan will use to prejudice Satelli against him.

Frenchmen Riotous.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.
PARIS, Dec. 10.—The arrangements for the bicycle races Monday at the Vendome d'rive displeased the spectators, and they demolished the track and grand stands.

PERSONAL.

F. Strauss is in Cincinnati on business.

Peter Brushart was in Waverly Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Drew left today for Philadelphia, Pa.

A. T. Holcomb went to Chillicothe this morning on business.

Paul Franklin went to Columbus this morning to spend a few days.

Miss Margaret Edwards and Miss Jackson spent Sunday with Cincinnati friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prendergast have been the guest of Ironton relatives for a few days past.

Messrs. Henry Stahler, of Waverly, and David Stahler, of this city, went to Cincinnati this morning on business, on the C. P. & V.

Mrs. C. S. Cadot and Mrs. George Kogur, returned yesterday from Beaver, Pike county, where they have been visiting for several days past.

G. B. Wall, of Maysville, Ky., and Mr. Hoadley, of Ashland, Ky., spent Sunday in this city, the guests of the Misses Montmullin, of Ashland, who are spending a few weeks here at Mrs. John Wilhelm's, on East Second street.

JAMES M'CAULEY DEAD.

A Well Known Resident of Sunfish Valley Dies Saturday.

James McCauley, a well known resident of Sunfish Valley, died Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks of typhoid fever. Mr. McCauley is well known here being a brother of Mrs. T. M. Lynn. He was a man about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss. For a number of years he operated the flouring mills at Eighteen Mile look, but of late years he has been farming. The remains were brought to this city and interred this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

SHE HAS ONE HUSBAND.

And Hence Her Marriage to Another Just Now Wouldn't Look Right.

An ebony hued gentleman appeared at the probate office this morning and applied for a permit to enjoy married bliss. When the usual questions were asked he stuck on the one concerning his bride's past record in the marriage line. He said she was married about three years ago, but her husband left her very shortly and hasn't been heard of since. When told that she would have to get a divorce he smiled and said, "Well, that lets me out, don't it?" and left apparently as happy as if he had secured the desired document.

THE ENGINE BLEW UP.

A Toy Engine Celebrates and Sets Fire to a Millinery Store.

For some days past there has been on exhibition in the window of Mrs. Albert Graft's millinery store, on Chillicothe street, a little toy engine. The engine got on a tear Saturday night and blew up, setting fire to the curtains and other drapery in the window. The window glass was also cracked. An alarm was sent in from box 4, and the blaze extinguished before it had gained much headway. The damage was comparatively small.

Redeemed the Circus.

During the fair last fall the proprietor of one of the side shows, which held forth at the fair grounds, became indebted to Charles Welsh for groceries, and, being unable to pay, the show was attached. The articles have since been stored in Welch's ware-rooms. Today the manager of the circus showed up here and redeemed his belongings. They were packed up and shipped to Chillicothe.

A Lively Old Man.

Alexander Hildebrand, of Rarden, was in the city this morning for the first time for two years. He is 82 years old and walked the entire distance here and back. He says that he has walked to Waverly and back, 32 miles, in one day, and can turn hand springs as fast as any young man he knows.

A Small Fire.

The residence of George Gims, on Chillicothe street, was the scene of a small fire yesterday. A closed grate had been stuffed full of old paper, and this caught fire from burning soot dropping down. Activity on the part of the bucket brigade prevented a serious conflagration.

Will Tell Your Fortunes.

Firman de Rouzei, a palmist, arrived in the city today and will hold forth in the hotel Portsmouth for a week. He called at the Times office today and told the fortunes of the staff and was remarkably successful in striking the characteristics of the various members.

Dying at the Infirmary.

George Padan, a young man who formerly worked at Horning's mill is now at the county infirmary slowly dying of consumption. His physician says that he has but a few days yet to live. Padan has no relatives here, having come from Bainbridge.

To Attend a Banquet.

Mrs. John D. Doley and Miss Bertha Schwartz went to Columbus this morning to attend a banquet given by the ladies' auxiliary to B. of L. E. Before returning home they will spend several days visiting friends in Columbus, Circleville and Chillicothe.

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"Shrewd firms, like kites, rise against the wind, when they keep their wares constantly before the public eye."

It has become a fixed fact that our present mayor will again be a candidate for mayor this spring. We predict he won't be "in it" at all.

The president making going on in the Republican party just now seems to be much in favor of Czar Reed. McKinley is for the present in the back ground.

As an illustration of the popularity of the Times. Our collector Mr. Butler, last week, lost but five out of a circulation of nearly 1,100. People find it the cleanest, neatest, newest paper in Portsmouth, and once it enters the home they are loth to give it up.

From many county papers we learn that the various funds have been overdrawn. From the state treasury down it seems the expenditures have far exceeded the receipts. A reform is demanded by the people, and next spring will no doubt see a shaking up of old party lines in many places.

The general tendencies in the railroad world is toward consolidation. The railroads of this country yield a vast influence on governmental functions as they are, but what would it be if they were consolidated and placed under the management of the government? Once a political party was in power it would be impossible to dislodge it. This month the government will pay its first installment of \$2,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 it has guaranteed for adventures who have become multi-millionaires from the railroads the government will in all probability have to pay for.

The postoffice department sends out a note of warning to persons who propose sending packages of Christmas gifts through the mails. By ignorance or carelessness sometimes the full postage is not paid on the packages. This is particularly so in regard to packages to foreign countries, which results in their being sent to the dead letter office, thus defeating the objects of their senders to remember their far-away friends. When these packages reach the dead letter office communications are sent to the persons to whom they are addressed, with notice that if they send the required postage they will be sent by the department. Carelessness as to the postage by senders causes great delays, which can be easily avoided.

The various stores of the city are beginning to put on a holiday attire. The best opportunity to make satisfactory purchases presents itself before the stocks have been called. One people should make their purchases here at home. In the long run they are as well satisfied and better off. Some things can't be purchased in Portsmouth so cheaply as at other places, and in such cases a person is justified in purchasing where he can do best, yet mostly even then, he is in the end no better off if he is dependent on his home people for support. It is a good plan to make your purchases of the men whom you know and who are working for the best interests of our own city.

A NOVEL incident in the religious movement of the day took place in New York last week in the appearance of a Catholic priest as a lecturer before the students of a Presbyterian theological seminary. On the invitation of the well known Dr. Briggs, professor of biblical theology in the Union seminary, Rev. Alexander P. Doyle, of the Paulist fathers, addressed the Presbyterian students. The Paulists are famous preachers, and they go about giving "missions" in Catholic churches. It has been the custom of the Union Seminary to invite clergymen of different denominations to address the senior classes on work pertaining to the ministry, but never until this occasion has a Catholic clergyman been before them. Dr. Briggs introduced Father Doyle as one who had recently issued a touching appeal for the reunion of Christians. His address to the students was in a broad and liberal spirit, and he declared the occasion added another span "to that magnificent bridge that is being built in this age across the dark and muddy stream of religious intolerance." This incident is in striking contrast to another tendency of the day—to arouse religious hatreds and sectarian proscription. No one can challenge that it is the better tendency.—Pittsburg Post.

If in search of a suitable Christmas gift, look up Lehman's shoe, hat and gent's furnishing store.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

The Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, O., contains 1,021 inmates, the largest number in its history.

Simon A. Kitts has been appointed storekeeper and gauger in the Second Tennessee internal revenue district.

Jere Hurlston, ex-congressman from Alabama, was found guilty of pension forgery, and his punishment left with the court.

Two big gas wells were developed near Muncie, Ind., one by Contractor Woodruff, with a capacity of seven million feet per day.

Senator Camden has contributed \$1,000 to the fund at Clarkburg, W. Va., being raised to secure the location of the Chautauque assembly.

Judge E. R. Hoar is quite sick with heart trouble at his home in Concord, Mass. His condition is considered critical, as he has been rather feeble of late.

A report from the U. S. engineers on the plan of deepening and improving the harbor of Sandusky, O., was sent to the house. It involves a cost of \$225,000.

Owing to an unexpected change for the worse in the condition of Miss Lucille Blackburn, her father, Senator Blackburn, has been recalled to her bedside.

The funeral of Catherine Ging, who was murdered in Minneapolis, took place at Auburn, N. Y., Saturday. The Catholic funeral service was read by the pastor, but requiem mass was not said, as Saturday was a holy day.

James Keefe, a wealthy farmer, committed suicide near Chili, Ind., by cutting his throat from ear to ear and nearly severing head from body with a razor. The cause is unknown, but is supposed to have been business reverses.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Central News says that a serious outbreak is reported at Wahu, on the Yang Tse Kiang, and that an American war ship and Admiral Fremantle, of the British fleet, have gone to the scene of the disturbance.

Three masked men attempted to kill and rob Buck Summerlin, aged 74, who had money at his house, at Buchanan, Ga. The old man fought with a knife and killed one of his assailants. He was shot, however, and will die. The other two robbers are at large.

The Turkish government has approved the project for the construction of a port at Jaffa, now a very perilous roadstead, with an ugly reef off shore. The scheme includes a tramway from the port to the town, by the famous orange groves whose perfume is wafted far out to sea.

The president has commuted to imprisonment for thirty days in the Wilcox county jail the sentence of confinement for one year and one day in the Columbus, O., state penitentiary, imposed upon John L. Boynton, late postmaster at Rochelle, Ga. Boynton was convicted March 8 last of illegally issuing money orders.

DOUBLE MURDER PROBABLE

An Italian and His Wife Ripped Open by a Man They Were Beating.

HOUSTON, Dec. 10.—The spoke of a heavy truck wheel, a piece of cordwood and a baseball bat were the first weapons resorted to in an Italian quarrel Sunday evening, which will undoubtedly result in double murder. Guiseppe Olivin, his wife Theresa, and a boarder in their house at 18 Genesee street, named Antonio Constantino, were engaged in a game of cards about 7 o'clock when a dispute arose over a deal.

Hot words led to blows. The man and wife tried to "do" the boarder, and all hands rushed for clubs. The battle waged fiercely, with Constantino parrying like a fencing master and retreating towards the street door. He succeeded in reaching the sidewalk, but he was so hard pressed there that he drew a clasp-knife with a three-and-one-half-inch blade, disengaged the blade and drove the weapon to the hilt in the woman's side. The blade penetrated her liver. The doctors at the hospital believe both will die. Constantino was arrested.

AMERICA'S NEW DEPARTURE.

President Cleveland Charged With Violations of the Monroe Doctrine.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The Temps, commenting on what it describes as America's new departure in its foreign policy, says that the same Cleveland, who only a short time ago had nothing but the Monroe doctrine on his lips, now violates it in two points, throwing himself into the thick of the conflict of interests of another hemisphere. The French anxiety that America has displayed in the far east is doubtless explained by the fact that the Chinese-Japanese war directly affects numerous American interests, but what about the dispatch of a commissioner to Armenia. This is a small beginning, perhaps, but it is a grave indication fraught with the serious consequence that America may become the seventh European power.

GIRLS, A CHANCE.

Several Young Men Laid Off From Work Because They Were Single.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 10.—Nine young unmarried men were laid off Saturday, work being slack, because they were single and did not have families to support. Later in the day they paraded Watessing and Bloomfield, three abreast. They wore large badges, and one bore this legend: "We fell in the soup on account of you, my dears."

Upon others were neatly printed: "I must have a wife."

"No wife, no work."

"Out in the cold world for being unmarried."

It was reported Sunday that a number of young ladies in Watessing were more spruced up than usual.

Chicago Armenians Protest.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—About two thousand Armenians, men and women, met in Central music hall Sunday evening to protest against the massacre of Armenian Christians in Turkey by government soldiers, and to make an effort toward securing future protection for the persecuted.

Protestant Church Dedicated in Paris.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—The new German Protestant church in Rue Blanche was dedicated Sunday in the presence of the German ambassador, Baron Von Niburnheim, the staff of the embassy, and eight hundred German residents of Paris. Emperor William sent a gift. The Times leads them all.

BLIXT'S STORY.

Miss Ging's Alleged Murderer Tells Different Tales.

He First Accuses Harry Hayward of the Terrible Crime,

And Tells of Other Deeds Hayward Planned—Subsequently Blixt Took Another Turn and This Time Confesses That He Himself Was the Murderer.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 10.—Still another confession has been made in the Catharine Ging murder case. It has been the theory of the police that Theo. Blixt, engineer of the flats where both Miss Ging and Harry Hayward resided, committed the murder at the instigation of Hayward. Sunday Blixt broke down and made a complete confession, in which he charges Harry Hayward with committing the murder.

According to his story he was sent by Hayward to the scene of the murder. Hardly had he arrived there when Hayward drove up with Miss Ging. When within fifty feet of him the shots were fired, and Hayward alighted from the buggy.

"The deed is done," said he, "get in and drive it around until it is dead and then dump it out."

Blixt took Hayward's place in the buggy and drove along the road for about a mile until he became satisfied that Miss Ging was dead. Then he drove back and when near the place where the murder was committed, rolled the body out of the buggy into the road. He then drove about a mile until he reached the Lyndale avenue car line. Then he turned the animal loose and took a car to town. The horse went direct to the stable, and this was the first intimation that was received that anything was wrong.

The murder, according to Blixt, was committed shortly after 7 o'clock, and as soon as he got into the buggy Hayward walked to the Hennepin avenue car line and then took the daughter of a prominent lawyer to the theater.

Blixt claims that the murder was originally fixed for the preceding Saturday night, but circumstances were such that it had to be abandoned. Hayward was to slug Miss Ging with a piece of railroad iron which Blixt had provided. The body was to have been thrown over near the curb at a street corner, the horse turned loose and the buggy wrecked, for the purpose of giving color to the theory that the woman had been killed in a runaway. This plan, Blixt said, could not be carried out successfully, and it was decided to shoot her.

Blixt tells of several other jobs which had been proposed by Hayward, but which fell through, and says that after this job, for which he was to receive \$2,000, or one-fifth of the life insurance involved, he was also to receive \$400 for "doing" her.

The man who hid the bundle of clothes is believed to have been a dupe and will be released from custody Monday.

Blixt Sunday night told a story to the effect that Harry Hayward wanted his assistance in disposing of the father and mother of a young woman in Minneapolis, whom he wanted to marry, to secure her property.

About midnight Sunday night Blixt made another confession, in which he said that he himself committed the murder. Hayward had interested Miss Ging in a green goods business, and drove with her from the West house until they reached the corner of Hennepin and Franklin avenues, about two miles from where the murder was committed. There they met Blixt, whom Hayward pushed into the buggy with instructions to drive where they would meet Hayward, who would have the goods with him.

The grievous to that Hayward had induced Miss Ging to intrust what money she had to him. It is stated that Miss Ging drove around the end of the lake, and that she became anxious and began to ask about Hayward. When they reached the scene of the murder she was looking out of the side of the buggy, and while in this position Blixt shot her. He drove about the country an hour, and when he was satisfied that she was dead, he threw the body out and went home.

Blixt also tells a wild story about being engaged by Hayward to set fire to the Ozark flats. Blixt had been told by Hayward to take Miss Ging's seal skin cloak, and after a few weeks pawn it to give color to the theory that Miss Ging had been robbed.

Two Killed at the Crossing.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 10.—John Burrows, aged 32, and a young woman named Campbell were fatally injured at a grade crossing in this city Sunday night. They had been out driving in the afternoon, and while crossing the railway tracks at Jarvis street were struck by a passenger train on the New York, Lake Erie & Western route. The horse was instantly killed, while the buggy was tossed a distance of fully fifty feet.

Waylaid by Footpads.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Lawyer Richard H. Towne, an old and well-known practitioner, was nearly killed by three footpads early Saturday evening at Van Buren street and Fifth avenue, in the heart of the downtown district, within three blocks of a police station, and is now at his home in a precarious condition. The thieves pounded Towne into insensibility, secured \$25 and valuable papers and fled.

Minister Gray Coming Home.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 10.—American Minister Gray has left for Indianapolis, where his son is lying sick. Mr. Butler is charge d'affaires of the American legation during the absence of Minister Gray.

De Lesseps' Funeral.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Ferdinand de Lesseps' body will be brought to Paris on the 13th, and the funeral will be held on the 15th.

Mr. Ira P. Wetmore, a prominent real estate agent of San Angelo, Texas, has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for several years as occasion required, and always with perfect success. He says: "I find it a perfect cure for our baby when troubled with colic or dysentery. I now feel that my outfit is not complete without a bottle of this Remedy at home or on a trip away from home. For sale by Fisher & Streich, druggists."

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LOST HALF HIS SOUL.

The Buddhist Priest Was Terror-Stricken by His Portrait.

Crowds of people assembled as we arrived at the inn, just before sunset, and among others I spotted the fine head of an old Buddhist priest. After a long confabulation and a few strings of cash, which passed from my pockets into his hands, I was able to induce him to sit for his picture, and I dashed off a sketch in oils before he had time to change his mind. Unfortunately the large crowd that had gathered around, especially the women folks, seemed to scold him and talk angrily at him for his silliness in sitting, owing to the strange notion that prevails in China and, in fact, nearly all over the east, that if an image is reproduced a soul has to be given to it, and that the person portrayed has to be the supplier of it at his own expense. The venerable old Buddhist priest, who was nursing his "cash" on his lap while being immortalized on a wooden panel, and had a curious twinkle in his eye, resisted bravely for some time and sat like a statue, but finally had to give in.

"You will die," cried an old woman at him. "I saw your soul coming out of you and go into the picture. I did, really, I saw it with my own eyes."

"So did I," cried a hundred other voices in a chorus.

By the time the priest had got up they had half convinced him that at least half his soul had really gone out of him, but he had the soul gone or not, he would go and take the cash for safe keeping to his home first and complain and ask for the restitution of his lost property afterward. He was a sensible man. So was I, and knowing what was coming, the moment he had gone I went into the room and packed the sketch safely, then took another clean panel and smeared it with the scrapings of my palette to show him instead in case he would come back and wish the picture destroyed. Twenty minutes had not elapsed when he was back again, of course without the "cash," holding his stomach and complaining of internal agonies.

"I am going to die," he cried, the moment he saw me; "you have taken away half my soul!"

"Certainly I have," said I, stiffly. "You did not expect me to give you all that 'cash' for less than half your soul, did you?"

"Oh, no! but I wish it back, as I feel so bad now without it."

"All right," said I. "I shall go into the room and destroy the image I did of you. Will you then be satisfied?"

"Yes."

Here the other panel smeared with pale scrapings was produced, after making pretense at destroying it with a knife, and never in my life have I seen an expression of relief to equal that of the priest. He had not felt half his soul so much going out of him, but he certainly felt it coming back again. He could swear by it. He was now perfectly well again.—Portsmouth Review.

Juvenile Dialectics.

Teddy—I don't care if he did whip your big brother; I bet he couldn't whip me!

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Teddy—I don't care if he is bigger'n me; I can beat him runnin'—Kate Field's Washington.

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... THE ... RED BADGE OF COURAGE.

An Episode of the American Civil War.

BY STEPHEN CRANE.

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CHAPTER XI.

At last, with a twisting movement, he got upon his hands and knees and from thence, like a babe trying to walk, to his feet. Pressing his hands to his temples, he went lurching over the grass.

He fought an intense battle with his body. His dulled senses wished him to swoon and he opposed them stubbornly, his mind portraying unknown dangers and mutilations if he should fall upon the field. He went in full soldier fashion. He imagined secluded spots where he could fall and be unmolested. To reach one, he strove against the tide of his pain.

Once, he put his hand to the top of his head and timidly touched the wound. The scratching pain of the contact made him draw a long breath through his clenched teeth. His fingers were dabbled with blood. He regarded them with a fixed stare.

Around him, he could hear the grumble of jolted cannon as the surging horses were lashed toward the front. Once, a young officer on a be-spurred charger nearly ran him down. He turned and watched the mass of guns, men and horses sweeping in a wide curve toward a gap in a fence. The officer was making excited motions with a gauntleted hand. The guns followed the teams with an air of unwillingness, of being dragged by the heels.

Some officers of the scattered infantry were cursing and railing like fishwives. Their scolding voices could be heard above the din. Into the unspeakable jumble in the roadway, rode a squadron of cavalry. The faded yellow of their facings shone bravely. There was mighty alteration. The artillery was assembling as if for a conference.

The blue haze of evening was upon the fields. The lines of forest were long purple shadows. One cloud lay along the western sky partly smothering the red.

As the youth left the scene behind him, he heard the guns suddenly roar out. He imagined them shaking in black rage. They belched and roared like brass devils guarding a gate. The soft air was filled with the tremendous remonstrance. With it came the shattering peal of opposing infantry. Turning to look behind him, he could see sheets of orange light illumine the shadowy distance. There were subtle and sudden lightnings in the far air. At times he thought he could see heaving masses of men.

He hurried on in the dusk. The day had faded until he could barely distinguish places for his feet. The purple darkness was filled with men who leered and jabbered. Sometimes he could see them gesticulating against the smoldering sky. There seemed to be a great roar of men and munitions spread about in the forests and in the fields.

The little, narrow roadway now lay lifeless. There were overturned wagons like sun-dried bowlders. The bed of the former torrent was choked with the bodies of horses and splintered parts of war machines.

It had come to pass that his wound pained him but little. He was afraid to move rapidly, however, for a dread of disturbing it. He held his head very still and took many precautions against stumbling. He was filled with anxiety, and his face was pinched and drawn in anticipation of the pain of any sudden mistake of his feet in the gloom.

His thoughts, as he walked, fixed intently upon his hurt. There was a cool liquid feeling about it and he imagined blood moving slowly down under his hair. His head seemed swollen to a size that made him think his neck to be inadequate.

The new silence of his wound made much excitement. The little, blistering voices of pain, that had called out from his scalp, were, he thought, definite in their expression of danger. By them, he believed he could measure his plight. But when they remained ominously silent, he became frightened and imagined terrible fingers that clutched into his brain.

He held continuous arguments as to whether he should lie down and sleep at some near spot, or force himself on until he could reach a certain line. He often tried to dismiss the question, but his body persisted in rebellion and his senses nagged at him like pumpered babies.

At last he heard a cheery voice near his shoulder. "Yeh seem 't' be in a pretty bad way, boy."

The youth did not look up, but he answered with thick tongue: "Uh."

The owner of the cheery voice took him firmly by the arm. "Well," he said, with a round laugh, "I'm going your way. 'T' haul gins is going your way. But I guess I kin give yeh a lift." They began to walk like a drunken man and his friend.

As they went along, the man questioned the youth and assisted him with the ropes like one manipulating the marionettes of a child.

In the search which followed he seemed to possess a wand of a magic kind. He threaded the mazes of the tangled forests with a strange fortune. In encounters with guards and patrols he displayed the keenness of a detective and the valor of a ramin. Obstacles fell before him and because of assistance. The youth, with his chin still on his breast, stood woodenly near while his companion beat ways and means out of sudden things.

The forest seemed a vast hive of men hurrying about in frantic circles, but the cheery man conducted the youth without mistakes until at last he began to chuckle with glee and self-satisfaction. "Ah, ther yeh are. See that?"

The youth nodded stupidly.

"Yeh ther's where your reg'ment is. An' now good-by, ol' boy; good night."

A strong and hand clasped the youth's languid fingers for an instant, then he heard a cheerful and nudging whistle as the man strode off. As he who had so befriended him thus passing out of his life, it

suddenly occurred to the youth that he had not once seen his face.

He went slowly toward the fire indicated by his departed friend. As he reeled, he bethought him of the welcome his comrades would give him. He had a conviction that he would soon feel in his sore heart the barbed missiles of ridicule. He had no strength to invent a tale; he would be a soft target. He made vague plans to go off into the deeper darkness and hide, but they were all destroyed by the voices of exhaustion and pain from his body. His ailments clamoring, forced him to seek the place of food and rest at whatever cost.

He swung unsteadily toward the fire. He could see the forms of men throwing black shadows in the red light, and as he went nearer it became known to him in some way that the ground was strewn with sleeping men.

Of a sudden he confronted a dark and monstrous figure. A rifle barrel caught some glinting beams. "Halt, halt," he was dismayed for a moment, but he presently thought that he recognized the enormous voice. As he stood tottering before the rifle barrel he called out: "Why, hello, Wilson, you—yeh—here!"

CHAPTER XII.

The rifle was lowered to a position of caution and his loud friend came slowly forward. He peered into the youth's face. "That you, Flem?"

"Yes, it's me."

"Well, well, Flem, ol' boy," said the loud one, "by ginger, I'm glad 't' see yeh. I give yeh up fer a gonner. I thought yeh was dead sure enough. There was husky emotion in his voice.

The youth found that now he could barely stand upon his feet. There was a sudden sinking of his forces. He thought he must hasten to produce his tale to protect him from the missiles already at the lips of his redoubtable comrade. So staggering before him he began: "Yes, yes, I've—I've had an awful time. I've been all over. 'Way over on th' right. Terrible fightin' over there. I had an awful time. I got separated from th' reg'ment. Over on th' right, I got shot. In th' head. I never see sech fightin'."

The loud private had stepped forward quickly. "What? Got shot? Why didn't yeh say so at first. Poor ol' boy." Another figure at that moment loomed in the gloom. They could see it was the corporal. "Who yeh talkin' to, Wilson?" he demanded. His voice was anger-toned. "Who yeh talkin' to? You're the derndest sentinel—why—hello, Flem, you here? Why, I thought you was dead four hours ago. Great Jerusalem! they keep turnin' up every ten minutes or so."

"Over on th' right. I got separated," began the youth with considerable gibberish.

But his loud friend interrupted hastily. "Yes, an' he got shot in the head an' he's in a fix an' we must see to him right away." He rested his rifle in the hollow of his left arm and put his right around the youth's shoulder.

"Gee! it must hurt like thunder," he said.

The youth leaned heavily upon his friend. "Yes, it hurts—hurts a good deal," he replied. There was a faltering in his voice.

"Oh!" said the corporal. He linked his arm in the youth's and drew him forward. "Come on, Flem. I'll take keer 'a' yeh."

As they went on together, the loud private called out after them: "Put 'im to sleep in my blanket, Simpson. An' hold on a minute—here's my canteen. It's full of coffee."

The youth's senses were so deadened that his friend's voice sounded from afar and he could scarcely feel the pressure of the corporal's arm. He submitted passively to the latter's directing strength. His head was in the old manner hanging forward upon his breast. His knees wobbled.

The corporal led him into the glare of the fire. "Now, Flem," he said, "let's have look at yer ol' head."

The youth sat, obediently, and the corporal, laying down his rifle, began to fumble in the bushy hair of his comrade. He was obliged to turn the other's head so that the full flush of the firelight would beam upon it. He poked his mouth with a critical air. He drew back his lips and whistled through his teeth when his fingers came in contact with the splashed blood and the rare wound.

"Ah, here we are," he said. He awkwardly made further investigations. "Just as I thought," he added, presently. "Yeh've been grazed by a ball."

The corporal went away. The youth remained on the ground like a parcel. He stared with a vacant look into the fire.

After a time, he aroused, for some part, and the things about him began to take form. He saw that the ground in the deep shadows was cluttered with men, sprawling in every conceivable posture. Glancing narrowly in the more distant darkness, he caught occasional glimpses of risings.

"YEH'VE BEEN GRAZED BY A BALL," and ghostly, lit with a phosphorescent glow. These faces expressed in their lines the deep stupor of the tired soldiers. They made them appear like men drunk with wine. This bit of forest might have appeared to an ethereal wanderer as a scene of the result of some frightful debauch.

The fire crackled musically. From it swelled light smoke. Overhead the foliage moved softly. The leaves with their faces turned toward the blaze, were colored shifting hues of silver, often edged with red. Far off to the right, through a window in the forest, could be seen a handful of stars lying, like glittering pebbles, on the black level of the night.

The youth sat in a forlorn heap until his friend, the loud young soldier, came swinging two canteens by their light strings. "Well, now, Flem, ol' boy," said the latter, "we'll have yeh fixed up in just about a minute."

He had the bustling ways of an amateur nurse. He fussed around the fire and stirred the sticks to brilliant embers. He made his patient drink largely from the canteen that contained the coffee. It was to the youth a delicious draught. He tilted his head afar back and held the canteen long to his lips. The cool mixture went caressingly down his blistered throat. Having finished, he sighed with comfortable delight.

The loud young soldier watched him

comrade with an air of satisfaction.

He later produced an extensive handkerchief from his pocket. He folded it into a manner of bandage and soused water from the other canteen upon the middle of it. This crude arrangement he bound over the youth's head, tying the ends in a queer knot at the back of the neck.

"There," he said, moving off and surveying the deed, "yeh look like the devil, but I bet yeh feel better."

The youth looked at his friend with grateful eyes. Upon his aching and swelling head the cool cloth was like a tender woman's hand.

"Well, come now," continued his friend, "come on. I must put yeh 't' bed an' see that yeh get a good night's rest."

The other got carefully erect and the loud young soldier led him among the sleeping forms lying in groups and rows. Presently he stopped and picked up his blanket. He spread the rubber one upon the ground and placed the woolen one about the youth's shoulders.

"There now," he said, "lie down an' git some sleep."

The youth, with his manner of dog-like obedience got carefully down like a crane stooping. He stretched out with a murmur of relief and comfort. The ground felt like the softest couch. An exquisite drowsiness spread through him. The warm comfort of the blanket enveloped him and made a gentle lullaby. His head fell forward on his crooked arm and his weighted lids went down softly over his eyes. Hearing a splutter of musketry from the distance, he wondered indifferently if those men ever slept. He gave a long sigh, snuggled down into his blanket and in a moment was like his comrade.

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AT SCIOTOVILLE JAN. 12TH,

The Next Bi-Monthly Session of the Teachers' Institute Will Be Held.

The executive committee of the Scioto County Teachers' Institute association met at the auditor's office Saturday and decided to hold the next session at Sciotoville, January 12th. The following is the program prepared: Insurance, W. H. Grady; discussion, general.

Primary Arithmetic, Mary Bryan; discussion, Jennie Camp. Physical Geography, A. C. Jones; discussion, Frank Appel.

A. B. C. Method, C. B. Pyle; discussion, W. O. Campbell. Psychology, John Warren; discussion, Chas. Mooney.

How to Teach Pupils to be Independent Thinkers, H. T. Beatty; discussion, Meek Penn.

Patriotism in Our Schools, L. E. Nourse; discussion, general. How Should Spelling Be Taught, Prof. Contryman; discussion, general.

LAST OF THE YEAR.

Low Rate Excursion to Cincinnati via C. & O., Wednesday, Dec. 12th.

Tickets good going on trains 17 and 15, which will carry extra coaches for this occasion, leaving South Portsmouth at 7:16 a. m. and 3:08 p. m., arriving at Cincinnati at 11:35 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Round trip only \$1.25. Tickets good returning on regular trains 16 and 18, leaving Cincinnati at 7:40 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., Thursday, Dec. 13th, and train No. 16, leaving Cincinnati at 7:40 a. m., Friday, Dec. 14th.

Excellent attractions at the numerous theaters. Don't fail to go and see the magnificent holiday displays in the Queen City. Positively the last low rate excursion to Cincinnati this year, so don't miss it.

Cheap Rates West.

The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railway will, December 15th, sell tickets to points west and southwest at one fare for the round trip, plus \$2. For full particulars, call on any agent B. & O. S. W. railway or address:

G. B. WAEPEL, Asst. General Passenger Agent, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ancient Order United Workmen.

This is the oldest and largest fraternal beneficial secret order in America. Membership \$40,000; certificate benefits \$800,000,000; average annual cost per \$1,000 for twenty-six years, only \$10, at any age from 21 to 45. A lodge is now being organized in Portsmouth. Take advantage of it at once. References, Paolo S. Clark, Will E. Varner, J. S. Ricker, Will H. Ware and others. If

Holiday Excursions.

For the midwinter holidays the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railway will sell tickets at one and one-third fare for the round trip to all points on its own lines and principal connections. Tickets will be sold December 24, 25 and 31, 1894, and January 1, 1895. For further particulars, ask any agent B. & O. S. W. railway.

J. M. CHESBROUGH, General Passenger Agent.

Well Pleased.

The audiences in Ironton last week were well pleased with the Marie Kinzie company, pronouncing it one of the best repertoire shows on the road. See it at the Grand tonight.

Plenty of clean lump coal on hand at 7 and 8 cents per bushel.

JOHN FLANAGAN, 705 Market street.

Any one who has children will rejoice with L. B. Mulford, of Plainfield, N. J. His little boy, five years of age, was sick with croup. For two days and nights he tried various remedies recommended by friends and neighbors. He says: "I thought sure I would lose him. I had seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised and thought I would try it as a last hope and am happy to say that after two doses he slept until morning. I gave it to him next day and a cure was effected. I keep this remedy in the house now and as soon as any of my children show signs of croup I give it to them and that is the last of it." 25 and 50 cents bottles for sale by Fisher & Streich, druggists.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder World's Fair Highest Award.

OFFICE: 814 Second St. PORTSMOUTH, O.

Just Think!

Over Four Hundred Set
Rings to Make Your Selections From.

ALL ARE SOLID GOLD

Consisting of Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Turquoises, Opals, Pearls, Moon Stones, Garnets, Amethysts, Topaz, Onyx, Carnes, Brilliants and Initial Rings. We have them in all imaginable shapes, styles and sizes, ranging in price.

From One Dollar Up.

Besides, we are showing hundreds of Plain Gold and Engraved Band Rings. Our stock has never before been so complete in this line, and you are cordially invited to come and see these goods and make comparison as to prices.

A Cash Discount of 10 Per Cent on All Sales.

PH. ZOELLNER, Jeweler.

The Jury Disagree.

In Court, opinions differ, but there can be only one opinion as to the fitness of our Holiday Goods and the low prices we give on our complete line of Queensware this season. We can show you the most beautiful sets in China and Cut Glass, also Fine Lamps, Punch Bowls, Bric-a-brac and Ornaments in royal ware.

E. E. EWING,

Complete Queensware Store,

75 West Second Street.

Come and Select Your Christmas Presents Early.

FOR SALE

\$3,500—No 88 East Third street, a two-story stone and frame dwelling, new and modern. Complete in every respect, at less than cost.

\$3,500—No. 44 East Ninth street, five-room frame cottage, 50 foot front lot. This is a first-class property in every respect.

\$900—House, barn and orchard, with 44 acres of land, near Red School House. Just the thing for a suburban residence.

\$4,500—10 acre farm and good seven-room frame dwelling, at mouth of Munn's run. Very desirable.

For Additional Property for sale or trade see our office list.

Notary Public—H. F. Thompson is now prepared to do Notary work.

Building and Loan Association—We expect to start a new Building and Loan Association in the near future.

THOMPSON & KRICKER, Real Estate and Loan Agents, PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

Time of Arrival and Departure of Trains.

Standard Time.

C. & O. R. R.

Eastbound 11:30 a.m. Westbound 11:50 a.m.
12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m.

C. P. & V. R. R.

Eastbound 11:30 a.m. Westbound 11:50 a.m.
12:30 p.m. 1:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m. 8:15 p.m.

B. & O. S. W. (Hamden Junction.)

Northbound 11:30 a.m. Southbound 11:50 a.m.
12:30 p.m. (Arrive) 1:15 p.m.

* Daily. * Daily Except Sunday.

C. P. DENNIS, DENTIST.

OFFICE: 814 Second St. PORTSMOUTH, O.

IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY,

Buy your Christmas Goods at the Closing Out Sale—607 Chillicothe Street.

While it is customary to make large profits on this class of goods we expect to sink money to the end.

We have now displayed the largest assortment of Handkerchiefs ever shown in this city. Thousands of cheap and fine Handkerchiefs marked at great reductions.

Beautiful Silk Handkerchiefs at 12½c and Up.

A GREAT EYE-OPENER.

Cuspidors, 5c and 7½c Each.

Months ago we placed a large order for HUNDREDS OF CUSPIDORS, large and small. They arrived last week. All must go at once. Instead of the usual prices, 10c to 20c, we mark the small ones 5c each and the large ones 7½c. They are hand painted.

Our place is now a wilderness of beautiful Christmas Goods. Fine Toilet Sets, Books, etc., all at less than cost.

COVERSTON & CO.

A Total Eclipse.

Our line of Holiday Goods eclipses anything we have ever had. We can show you Toilet Sets, Cut Glass Bottles of Perfumery and everything kept in a first-class drug store suitable for holiday gifts, at prices from the bottom up. Our goods will dazzle your eyes and certainly outshine anything ever shown in Portsmouth. The line is complete; we're sure to have just what you're sure to want.

Win Nye,

Between Sanford, Varner & Co.'s and Heer Brothers' ON CHILLICOTHE STREET.

REMOVAL SALE.

OUR big removal sale still continues, and all who have examined our stock have been delighted with our assortment and extreme low prices.

We have been doing business here about thirty years, and we think the people know us well enough to know when we say we cut a price we do it. And now the knife goes into the whole stock. Everything goes—Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits, Overcoats, Underwear and Furnishings.

We have no space to quote prices, but invite all to come in and see us.

J. Eisman & Co.

155 West Front Street.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Three Nights Only.

Dec. 10th, 11th and 12th.

The Magnetic Little Actress,

Marie Kinzie

... AND ...

HER MERRY COMPANY,

... PLAYING ...

Dangers of a Great City,

Burr Oaks,

Kidnapped.

Prices:

10c, 20c and 30c.

Ladies' Tickets Monday night.

Seats on sale at White's Saturday morning at 7 o'clock.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

One Night Only,

FRIDAY, DEC. 14.

Watson Sisters'

EXTRAVAGANZA

... AND ...

VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

Program Opens with the Operetta,

RECEPTION ROYAL

An Otto of Novelties Follows.

The Performance Closes with the Gorgeous Extravaganza,

Venus, or Princee Adonis.

Regular house prices, 25c, 50c and 75c.

Sale opens Wednesday night, at 7 o'clock sharp.

The Herms Dry Goods Co.

Monday Morning, Dec. 10th.

Only Twelve More Shopping Days Before Christmas.

Our Force of Salespeople Has Been Increased to Twelve.

We Can Wait on You Promptly.

You can do your shopping with comfort at our store. Everything marked in plain figures. Our large trade the past week must be evidence that we have not only the correct articles, but also the correct prices.

TOMORROW. THURSDAY,

DEC. 13TH.

Holiday Goods.

Part of our X-Mas Novelties are here now the rest is expected today.

They Won't Last Long.

This list of popular priced and quick selling articles.

Japanese Doll,

18 Inches Long, 25 cents.

Kid Body Doll,

Blisque Head, Movable Eyes, 2 sizes. 48 and 75 cents each.

Cloth Body Doll,

Washable Wax, Movable Eyes. Large size 60 cents each.

Cloth Body Doll,

Blisque Head, 12 Inches Long 10 cents Each.

The Toy of the Age,

Climbing Monkey,

"STRIKE WHILE THE IRON IS HOT!"

WE are now pushing very hard to close the year of '94 with a large amount of sales and the new line of Sample Boots and Shoes we are closing out to wind up our successful trade for the year is more than pleasing. Below we give you prices on some of the goods, which you will find interesting, and when you come and look through our stock you will be convinced that the only place in Portsmouth to buy good, reliable Shoes at Half Price, is the mammoth store of the Sample Shoe Company.

Ladies' Rubber Sandals.....\$0 29
Ladies' Arctics.....worth \$1.00, for 69
Misses' Rubber Sandals.....17
Children's Rubber Sandals.....15
Men's Rubbers.....39c
Men's Storm King Rubbers.....59

Men's Rubber Boots.....\$1 99
The Best Rubber Boot made.....2 49
Men's Arctics.....worth \$1.25, for 89
Men's Working Shoes.....89
Men's Patent Leather Shoes, in Lace and Cong.....1 99
The Finest Dress Shoe in the city.....1 25

500 Pairs Ladies' Fine Shoes

Made by Nathan Fisher, New York City.
The best line of Shoes in the country. We have them in lace and button, all the latest style toes for \$1.99. Every pair guaranteed to be worth not less than \$3.50.

Ladies' Shoes, best we ever sold for the price.....\$0 99
Ladies' Shoes.....worth \$2.00, for 1 19
The Best \$3.00 Shoe in the State of Ohio, for.....1 49
Glove Grain (Calf Skin).....99
Glove Grain (Calf Skin), Patent Leather Tips.....99
You can get the above Shoes in button or lace.

Baby Shoes.....worth 50c, for 12c
Baby Shoes.....worth 60c, for 15c
Baby Shoes.....worth 75c, for 39c
All the better grades accordingly.
The finest line of Slippers in the city at Half Price.
Look in our windows and see for yourselves.

Those who intend to give desirable Xmas presents in the way of Shoes or Slippers, will do well to look at our lines before buying. Boys' and Girls' School Shoes always sold cheaper than by other shoe houses.
Every Pair of Shoes bought of us that don't wear good will be Repaired Free of Charge!

OUR STORE IS OPEN EVERY EVENING.

THE ORIGINATORS OF LOW PRICES.

THE SAMPLE SHOE COMPANY.

517 Chillicothe Street, Opposite P. O., Portsmouth, O.

JURIES

For the January Term of Court
Drawn This Morning.

Your Name May Be in This List of Thirteen
Three Minor Suits Filed in Common
Pleas Court—Some Other Matters of
Record from the County Offices.

Sheriff Gustin and Clerk Whitney this morning drew the juries for the next term of court, commencing Jan. 7th. The names dropped from the wheel are as follows:

Grand Jury—C. S. Cadot, Third ward; Moscos McCall, Lower Nile; George Somers, Second ward; W. L. Russell, Second ward; William B. Adams, Madison; Manlies White, Sixth ward; Lafayette Jones, Lower Nile; S. C. Robinson, Brush Creek; John K. Hastings, Sciotoville; James Richardson, Second ward; George G. Graham, Clay; W. J. Crawford, Wheelersburg; George A. Goodman, First ward; Evan T. Vandervort, Green; F. C. Horns, Third ward. Petit Jury—William Smith, Vernon; Hugh Ellis, First ward; Samuel McCarty, Jefferson; John Hill, Union; Moses Wickline, Union; W. H. McCall, Clay; W. A. McGeorge, Raden; James Erwin, Jefferson; John Hogan, Clay; David Crall, Jefferson; Hugh McKinley, Jefferson; William H. McCurdy, Jr., Porter; George W. Custer, Bloom; John Barrett, Harrison; Meter Jahrous, First ward.

Three suits of minor importance were filed in common pleas court Saturday. Probably the most important is the one to enforce statutory liability against the stockholders of the Brushhart Lumber company. The suit is brought by the Radford Sash and Door company, of Illinois, and in the petition is given the following stockholders, who are defendants: John T. Brushhart, 40 shares of \$100 each; Peter Brushhart, Jr., 50 shares; J. W. Taylor, 50 shares; Anson Copport 20 shares; Oliver C. McCall and John W. Overturn, 10 shares. The plaintiff holds three judgments, obtained in Mayor Hall's court, aggregating \$769.70. The appointment of a master commissioner is asked. Evans & Livingston represent the plaintiff.

SUIT FOR MONEY.

George B. Millar has brought suit against A. T. Holcomb and Daniel R. Spry for \$921.30, with interest. The amount is due on promissory notes, one given August 5, 1885, for \$300 and the other July 15, 1891, for \$121.30. The plaintiff is represented by Thompson & Newman.

A FORECLOSURE SUIT.

L. Irene Huston, by her attorney, S. J. Huston, sues Carrie L. Lowry, Geo. W. Lowry, J. S. Dodge, assignee of the Brushhart Lumber company, Oliver C. McCall and Bernard Augustine for foreclosure of mortgage. The mortgage was given to secure three notes, aggregating \$1,100.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Fifth Ward, Portsmouth—Charles M. Burr to Elizabeth Cogburn, lots 41, 45, 46, Thompson addition, \$400.
Wheelersburg—Catherine Cogrove to Janet Crichton, lots 18, 19 and 23.
Sixth Ward, Portsmouth—J. N. W. Crawford to Chas. A. Lowry, lot 55, Crawford addition, \$400.

PROBATE RECORD.

V. R. Row appointed administrator of Antoinette Cole.
Estate of Silas W. Cole, exceptions to account filed.
Will of Louise Cole probated.

The Salvation Army.

The work of the Salvation Army at this point has been placed in charge of two young ladies, Captain Fessler and an assistant whose name we did not learn. The ladies have been very successful elsewhere and are recommended as conscientious earnest Christians, thoroughly devoted to their work. Every citizen will bid them God speed in their efforts to save those whom the churches do not reach.

Fine variety of holiday slippers at Lehman's.
Marie Kizkie at the Grand tonight in "Dangers of a Great City."

Best and medium grade oysters at Jacob Hoerr's, 605 Chillicothe street.

An elegant line of children's suits just received in single and double-breasted and with double knees and double seat at L. Wise's Sons.

Gentlemen can now buy fine shoes out of the Holman shoe stock at less than half price. Come to Connelley's shoe store, see the goods, hear the prices.

AT BENNETT'S MILLS

A Couple of Times Men Spent Sunday with William Seerest.

A couple of TIMES men were the guests of William Seerest at his pleasant home at Bennett's Mills yesterday, going out at the invitation of Mr. Seerest to take a look at the place which has recently sprung into such unenviable notoriety by reason of the deep mystery surrounding the disappearance of Edward Perry.

We have no theory to advance as to the death of Mr. Perry. It may have been suicide, and again it may have been murder. We do not know. Mr. Seerest is convinced that it was a case of suicide, and from circumstances narrated by him this seems to be a very plausible way of accounting for the disappearance. We were convinced, however, that if Perry was murdered that William Seerest was not the man who murdered him, and that the TIMES did him a gross injustice several weeks ago in an article which came to us through Cyrus Courtwright, postmaster at Lincolnton, Ky.

It will be remembered that T. J. Bennett was alleged to have made a confession implicating several people in the neighborhood, whereas things turned out, the confession existed only in the mind of Cyrus Courtwright. In the little community which lives and thrives in the neighborhood of Bennett's Mills, no man is more highly respected for his general honesty and integrity than William Seerest and of all men, he is the last one we would have suspected of the murder of Perry, he having no motive to get rid of him. The wonderful story of Courtwright in reference to the insurance was all bosh, the money having been paid over without objection within sixty days after the fire. Besides the house was the property of Frank Bennett and not of Mr. Seerest. This explanation is made out of justice to Mr. Seerest, THE TIMES having no wish to add any man in gratifying personal envy or malice in attempting to cast discredit on the good name of another.

BEAUTIFUL CHORAL SERVICES.

A Very Large Audience Enjoyed An Excellent Service at All Saints Church Last Evening.

The music of the Episcopal service which is always beautiful, is made especially attractive at the evening choral services held at All Saints church on the second Sunday of each month. At last evening's service the church was filled. After a number of very pretty organ selections by Mrs. Newman, during the half hour between the ringing of the bells, the service opened at 7:30 with an anthem, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord." Following this was a fine program of chants, beautiful anthems and hymns, and the chorus work in all the selections by the eleven members of the choir was excellent, showing careful and thorough training. Mr. Whitelaw's solo in the Nunc Dimittis was well rendered, and as an offertory Mrs. Wells A. Hutchins, Jr., sang with much feeling and expression a very sweet selection, "Some of These Days."

As is his custom at these services, Rev. Dallas Tucker gave a talk upon one of the hymn writers, on this occasion choosing Philip Doddridge as his subject.

Have Signed for Next Season.

John Kah and James Gilbert, of the Walter L. Main's Circus band, arrived home Saturday, the show having gone into winter quarters at Louisville, Ky. They have signed with the show again for next season.

Machinists' Dance.

The machinists are making extensive preparations for their ball to be given in Krieger's hall on the evening before New Year's. The Home Circle orchestra has been engaged and will furnish superior music for the occasion.

Jacob Hoerr, 605 Chillicothe street, received some fine select oysters this morning.

See our handsome men's suits in single and double-breasted, square cut and round corners in all grades of goods at L. Wise's Sons.

Got J. W. Dodge & Co. to reset your glass, or do your inside painting. Phone call 188, or apply at paint store, 218 Chillicothe street. 13-1f

Chas. C. Seeborn & Co., druggists, corner Chillicothe and Second streets, will give a novel opening December 15th. See their advertisement on fourth page.

The Holman shoe stock has been purchased by W. A. Connelley at an exceedingly low price. They are now on sale at retail in Connelley's shoe room at much less than the manufacturer's cost. Now for rousing shoe bargains.

FRAGMENTS.

The river gauges 10.6 feet today and is falling.
Mrs. C. T. Bierly, of 1325 Findlay street, is on the sick list.

Sam Wise, who has been with the firm of L. Wise & Sons, has accepted a position as cutter in the manufacturing department of J. Eisman & Co.'s, commencing this morning.

Adam Walter, of Cincinnati, has been in the city the past few days, having been called here by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Walter, of East Ninth street. He returned to Cincinnati today.

ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

Tim Jewett, the Well Known Store Keeper at Healey, charged with That Crime, Which He Says is a Mistake.

Tim Jewett, who runs a general store at Healey and is well known in this vicinity, was arrested yesterday on a charge of embezzlement. The charge was preferred by Adam Neer, an inspector for the Wilson Rendering and Fertilizer company, of New York, of which company Mr. Jewett is the local agent. Mr. Jewett gave \$1,000 bond for his appearance before Squire Row for trial Wednesday morning.

The affidavit upon which the arrest was made charges him with appropriating \$125 to his own use. Mr. Jewett stated to a TIMES reporter this morning that there was absolutely nothing in the charge. Out of a business of about \$2,000 there is still out notes amounting to \$125, which he holds and which are good. He says that some one wrote an anonymous letter to the company, stating that he, Mr. Jewett, was preparing to leave the county, and would beat them out of an amount of money. Acting upon this they telegraphed their traveling representative, Mr. Neer, to have him arrested. Mr. Jewett has been engaged in business in this county for years, and has always borne an unblemished character. His friends are satisfied that he can explain the embarrassing misunderstanding.

BROKE HIS NECK.

Stephen Dunham, of Wakefield, Falls from a Cart Saturday Afternoon and Dies Almost Instantly.

Frank Dunham, a young man in the employ of the Brushhart Lumber company, was called to Wakefield yesterday by a telegram announcing the death of his brother, Stephen Dunham. The particulars of his death are not known, but he is said to have been driving along the road in a cart, when he suddenly fell out, alighting on his head and breaking his neck. It is also rumored that he was struck by lightning and then fell out of the cart. The coroner of Pike county held an inquest Sunday evening.

Stephen Dunham was well known in and about this city, having been in the employ of the Brushhart Lumber company for about six years. He served as storekeeper for Mr. Brushhart at his Kentucky mill a part of the time. He was compelled to leave the company's employ on account of his health. He has since been farming near Wakefield. Mr. Dunham was for some time deputy sheriff of Pike county. He was about 35 years of age.

Methodist Lunch.

On Tuesday of next week, December 18th, meals will be served at Sixth Street M. E. church between the hours of 12 m and 2 p. m., and also in the evening between 5 and 8 p. m. 15c 25 cents.

Many persons availing themselves of this opportunity will save time thereby during the rush of the holiday trade. Tickets will be good for either noon or evening.

Settlement of Accounts.

A suit of John T. Miller assignee of Mickelthwait Bros. vs Mrs. H. P. Yeager was tried before Squire Row this morning. The suit is on a settlement of account the defendant claiming the right to set off the individual bill of John Mickelthwait against the firm's bill. Squire Row reserves the decision until Tuesday.

Has Moved to Columbus.

John Schneider, a well known carver, went to Columbus yesterday morning, where he expects to make his future home. He has secured a place in the Columbus Cabinet works under Charles Nicholls.

Prof. Schackne has proved himself to be a thorough teacher and instructor in dancing and will start a class for beginners Thursday, Dec. 27th.

Take a look at our overcoats for men, boys and children. The handsomest line in the city and at the lowest prices at L. Wise's Sons, Second street.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U.S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

AT CHRIST CHURCH

The Second Sunday in Advent Appropriately Celebrated.

Yesterday being the second Sunday in Advent, the services were of more than usual interest, the sermons by the rector being very appropriate and well delivered. The musical portions of the service were above the average and impressively rendered, and at the evening prayer a full choir gave great volume to the anthems, also the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. The offertory solo by Mr. Hibbs was one of his best efforts. At both services, among the prayers offered, was the following prayer for congress at their present session: "Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their senate and representatives in congress assembled, that thou would be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy church, the safety, honor and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities for them, for us, and thy whole church, we humbly beg in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen."

THE WHITE FEATHER

Said to Have Been Shown by the Y. M. C. A. Foot Ball Team.

The Irontonian and Portsmouth Y. M. C. A. foot ball teams will not contest on the gridiron again this fall, the Portsmouth team having declined to play off the tie. It was the understanding that if each of the teams won a game a third game was to decide the championship of the season, but it appears that our friends below have shown the white feather. The system of singling resorted to in the earlier part of the Portsmouth game by the Y. M. C. A. boys, and the retaliation of the Ironton team, evidently did not leave a good impression with the Portsmouth public as to the merits of the game.—Irontonian.

A HOBO DAY.

Eight of Them Sunday and Three This Morning—In Mayor's Court.

Sunday, or Saturday night rather, was a hobo record breaker at the city prison. Eight of the species tramp were accommodated over night on the city prison's downy couches. Three knocked and were admitted last night, starting out this morning to look for work.

Tom Carver, of Quincy, Ky., made one of his periodical visits to Portsmouth Saturday to spend Sunday with Squire Burton at his public retreat. The bill of \$4.50 will be added to Tom's already large account.

An Exciting Runaway.

The River City laundry delivery wagon, of which a young man named Baker is driver, was mixed up in an exciting runaway Saturday afternoon. The horse started to run on Market near Second, and ran north on Market to Third, and east on Third. At the corner of Third and Market the runaway collided with a buggy hitched in front of Arbogast's saloon, taking off a wheel. The runaway was stopped near Washington street.

An elegant line of mackintosh coats with long capes just received. Also a large line of rubber coats at L. Wise's Sons, 117 West Second street.

On Friday next, Dec. 14th, the Watson Sisters' Extravaganza and Travesty company will be the attraction at the Grand opera house. Last week the company appeared at the opera house in Louisville, and the local press spoke in the highest terms of its performance. There are twenty-five people in the company and the Grand opera house will be taxed to its very utmost to accommodate and properly stage it. The show is a clean and excellent one, and this estimate of its character is supported by the Louisville press, in which it appeared last week.

For rheumatism I have found nothing equal to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It relieves the pain as soon as applied. J. W. Young, West Liberty, W. Va. The prompt relief it affords is alone worth many times the cost, 50 cents. Its continued use will effect a permanent cure. For sale by Fisher & Streich, druggists.

CLUB AND SOCIETY.

A Pleasant Birthday Party—The Woman's Literary Club Friday.

A very pleasant birthday party was held Friday evening at the home of Jefferson Brown five miles north of the city. It was in honor of the 15th birthday of Miss Mary Peters and about thirty of her young friends were present. They enjoyed a fine supper and a very pleasant evening of informal games.

CHANGE OF PLACE.

The Woman's Literary Club will meet at Mrs. Dr. Cotton's next Friday afternoon, instead of at Mrs. Draper's, as announced. Mrs. Draper having gone to Boston.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAM.

The Various Classes, Committee Meetings and Other Events at the Y. M. C. A.

Monday, orchestra at 7:30 and senior gymnasium class at 8 p. m.

Tuesday, practical arithmetic at 7; junior gymnasium at 7:30 and board of directors at 8.

Wednesday, boys gymnasium at 4:50 and business men's class at 7:30.

Thursday, vocal music at 7:30; senior gymnasium at 8.

Friday, health talk by Dr. McClure at 7:30, subject, "Every Day Hygiene."

Mechanical drawing at 8.

Saturday, boys gymnasium at 9 a. m.; penmanship at 7 p. m., and junior gymnasium at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday afternoon ten men will tell in a two minute talk each of the business man's Bible.

Died in Pike County.

Mrs. Unis Hanom, widow of Peter Hanom, died at her residence near California, Pike county, Sunday evening of consumption. She was 72 years old and leaves three children, one son and two daughters. She was a good Christian woman and well liked. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

A Good Meeting.

The men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon was held in the gymnasium, there being a good attendance. Rev. S. Gobiet delivered an interesting address on "The Average Man," and Prof. H. P. Smith played as a cornet solo, "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt."

The Elk Club Contest.

The third series of games of the Elk club contest will be played tonight at the Elk parlors. Up to date Tracy Johnson is in the lead, with Theo. K. Funk and George E. Krieger close seconds.

A Mechanic Too.

J. I. Mercer, of Win Nye's drug store, has made three show-cases which are very fine. He did the work on them in the store and has shown himself to be a mechanic as well as a pharmacist.

Resumed Today.

The Burgess Steel and Iron Works resumed work today, a full force of men going on. This will be gratifying news to the many employees of the mill.

Board of Trade Meeting.

The board of trade will have a meeting at the council chamber this evening. All members are requested to be present.

If you wish a good umbrella or some nice neck wear we have them at the lowest prices at L. Wise's Sons, 117 Second street.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair, 'DR'

PRICES' CREAM BAKING POWDER MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.
Sold by John B. Rottinghaus, J. A. Wilhelm, J. J. Brushart, B. Augustin.

The Woman Who Makes

Every dollar tell in all the household purchases will find that our present prices in Shoes will reduce the cost of the family footwear very considerably.

We are going to close out our business as soon as possible. The entire stock to go as soon as we can get a buyer, but until that time we will sell Shoes at prices which you will long remember.

Meyer's Shoe Store,
Market Street.



Watching Her.

No lady is likely to withdraw her hand when she has the pleasure of being watched in that manner.

If You Have an Idea

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